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Gentlemen

The purpose of this letter is to clarify recent activities which have impacted Interagency Agreement (IA) Table 6 milestones for Operable Unit (OU) No 1 and to provide an extension request based on the Department of Energy's (DOE) position regarding these impacts. This request is based on Part 42, Paragraph 222 of the IA. The DOE believes that the series of events discussed in this letter constitutes good causes. There are four main constituents which were considered in compiling this extension request.

- A previous DOE extension request dated October 7, 1993, (Ret 93-DOE-10200) has not been acted on by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Colorado Department of Health (CDH)
- There was a stop work order which was applied to the Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA) on Operable Unit No. 1 between June 21, and November 3, 1993
- 3 The Diaft Technical Memo (TM) No 10, Development of Remedial Action Objectives, was submitted to the agencies on August 27, 1993, however, official comments on this TM had not been received from CDH as of February 1, 1994
- DOE would like to incorporate recent efforts by DOE, EG&G, EPA and CDH to develop a consistent, programmatic approach for conducting Corrective Measures Studies/Feasibility Studies (CMS/FS) across all OUs at Rocky Flats

These items have caused inextificable schedule impacts and were discussed on the statt level in a meeting on January 28, 1994, between DOE, EPA, and CDH personnel. The discussion of the above items in a meeting, prior to DOE submitting a formal extension request, was suggested by CDH personnel so that these items could be clarified.

For background purposes, Enclosure 1 contains a detailed discussion of the above items and their potential impacts on the IA milestone schedule for OU-1

Although many of the above constituents were considered, this extension request is primarily based on the use of the "Programmatic Approach" for conducting CMS/FS studies, and on the discussions of the January 28 1994, meeting A detailed discussion

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and background of the "Programmatic Approach" is included in Enclosure 1 In general, the "Programmatic Approach" tor conducting CMS/FS studies assumes that a series of interim "working" meetings will be held tor DOE to present interim/draft results from the FS to EPA and CDH tor comment. The approach then assumes that a Draft CMS/FS report can be reviewed by EPA and CDH in 20 days. In effect, this approach shortens the assumed duration between a Draft and Final CMS/FS report.

For your convenience, a detailed GANT chart for conducting the CMS/FS study is included as Enclosure 2. This chart is based on the "Programmatic Approach" model. Please note the interim meetings and the 20 day review time for the Draft CMS/FS report by EPA and CDH reflected in this schedule. It should also be noted from the chart that the DOE review times for the draft and final reports are also due in 20 days.

Enclosure 3 shows the proposed milestone dates for eight Table 6 IA Milestones for OU-1 The first column of Enclosure 2 shows the original dates of the previously approved extension dates for the eight Table 6 IA milestones. The second column shows the proposed schedule for these milestones. The submittal dates for the Draft and Final CMS/FS reports are November 7, 1994, and February 8, 1995, respectively. If you have any questions regarding this material, please contact Jen Pepe of my staff at 966-2184.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure 1

Background Discussion of IA Schedule Impacts

Previous Extension Request

The October 7, 1993, DOE letter (Ref. 93-DOE-10200) requested extension of 8 Interagency Agreement (IA) milestones. This DOE letter requested an extension for the submittal of the draft and final Corrective Measures Study/Feasibility Study (CMS/FS) reports to March 24, 1994, and September 20, 1994, respectively, indicating that sufficient time would be required to transfer critical information between the Baseline Risk Assessment (BRA) in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) report and Technical Memorandum (TM) No 10. The letter further requested subsequent extensions for the Draft Proposed Plan (PP), Final PP, Draft Responsiveness Summary (RS), Final RS, Draft Corrective Action Decision/Record of Decision (CAD/ROD) and Final CAD/ROD. These extensions were requested because the IA milestone for submittal of the Final RFI/RI Report had been extended from January 4, 1993, to November 15, 1993.

Stop Work Order

The August 12, 1993, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) letter concurred that work would be stopped on the schedules for Operable Units 1 through 7 on efforts to prepare Baseline Risk Assessments and prepare the RFI/RI reports. The Colorado Department of Health (CDH) letter dated October 22, 1993, acknowledged the DOE October 7, 1993, extension request (Ref. 93-DOE-10200) for OU-1, and stated that the agencies would delay action on this request until the work stoppage on OU-1 was rescinded

The work stoppage for OU-1 was rescrided via the CDH letter dated October 21, 1993, and signed for concurrence by DOE on November 3, 1993. Based on this letter, the work stoppage for OU-1 was 135 days (June 21, 1993, to November 3, 1993). As of the date of this letter, the DOE extension request had not been acted on by the agencies

CDH Review of Technical Memoranda No 10

The Diaft TM 10 (Development of Remedial Action Objectives) was submitted to the agencies on August 27, 1993, (Ref. 93-DOE-10202). This diaft was submitted despite the work stoppage which had been imposed on the BRA for the RFI/RI report. As of the date of this letter, DOE had not received written comments on TM 10 from CDH. The EPA comments on TM 10 were received November 17, 1993. It should be noted that DOE has proceeded with work to address the EPA comments and that initial work is being conducted to screen remediation alternatives. This work, however, is proceeding with a certain amount of risk, and approval of TM 10 is becoming a very critical path item for progression of work on the CMS/FS.

Programmatic Approach for CMS/FS Studies

On December 23, 1993, January 6, and January 13, 1994, meetings were held with personnel from EPA, CDH, DOE, and EG&G. The purpose of these meetings were for DOE and EG&G to present a draft model which outlines a detailed programmatic

approach for conducting CMS/FS studies at Rocky Flats. There are three major advantages to developing this detailed programmatic approach in concurrence with the regulators.

- 1 CMS/FS studies will be conducted using similar logistic procedures and approaches across all OUs, resulting in greater efficiency
- 2 Potential problems associated with piocedules, leview times, legal determinations, etc may be easily identified before hand and potentially avoided
- 3 It may be possible to compless an FS schedule depending on the particular circumstances for the OU

Although the CMS/FS process tor OU-1 is in progress, DOE feels that it would be beneficial to follow the proposed 'Programmatic Approach' for finishing the CMS/FS process for this OU. This would aid DOE, EG&G, EPA and CDH in testing, modifying and further developing this approach. Potential logistic problems which may exist would be identified by using OU-1 as the test case. This could only improve the efficiency with which the CMS/FS studies are conducted for the other OUs at Rocky Flats.

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88828C1320 COMMENT RESOLUTION ON TM#10	20	18N0V93	170EC93	
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88828C1500 REVISE TM#10	23	20DFC93	27JAN94	
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88828C1390 DEVELOP TM#11	18	26JAN94	18FEB94	
88828C1510 SUBNIT IM#10 TO EPA/COH	-	28JAN94	28JAN94	-
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Enclosure 3
Proposed IA Milestone Schedule

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IA Deliverable	Milestone Date	Proposed Schedule
Dratt CMS/FS	11-Feb-94 *	7-Nov-94 **
Final CMS/FS	3-Aug-94 *	8-Feb-94 **
Draft PP	27-Sep-93	8-Feb-94
Final PP	4-Jan-94	18-May-94
Draft RS	6-May-94	28-Aug-95
Final RS	3-Aug-94	25-Nov-95
Diaft CAD/ROD	3-Aug-94	25-Nov-95
Final CAD/ROD	1-Nov-94	23-Feb-96

CMS/FS - Conective Measures Study/Feasibility Study

PP - Proposed Plan

RS - Responsiveness Summary

CAD/ROD - Corrective Action Decision/Record of Decision

- * An extension to the original Table 6 milestone date was granted April 2, 1993
- Proposed Schedule based on the CMS/FS "Programmatic Approach" model and the IA Schedule Assumptions A detailed gant chart is attached for the proposed CMS/FS study. This schedule assumes that the Draft CMS/FS Report can be reviewed by EPA and CDH in 20 days. It also assumes 20 days for DOE review prior to the submittal of the draft and final reports. An expedited or concurrent review by DOE would result in an early finish date for the CMS/FS report.